

Academic Subject Area Renewal Credit

Frequently Asked Questions

“Teachers of grades kindergarten through twelve must complete three renewal credits in their academic subject areas, including strategies to teach those subjects, during each five year renewal cycle. This subject area requirement applies to individuals renewing their licenses on or after July 1, 2009.”

(Senate Bill 1292, Session 2007)

1. Does the requirement affect staff who are licensed but are not in the classroom right now?

** The requirement affects only employees who are in the classroom teaching at the time of their licensure renewal.

2. It says that “strategies to teach those subjects” will also meet the new requirement. What about CRISS, SIOP, or Differentiation training? They are teaching strategies that can be applied to any content area, but are not specific to one content area.

They will count.

3. What if you have an administrator license - are the Teacher Recruitment & Retention (TRR) credits sufficient to meet this subject area requirement?

Yes.

4. If I am renewing my license in June 2009 does this requirement apply to me?

No. It applies to anyone who is renewing their license beginning with those renewing in June 2010.

5. What constitutes the academic subject requirement for elementary?

*The academic content of the Elementary Curriculum (math, science, social studies, English/language arts).

6. Can these be the same credits used for reading?

*No, the 3 content hours are in addition to the reading requirement.

7. If a middle grades teacher is teaching two subjects, how are the three renewal credits handled? May it be in one of the two subjects, split, or does it require six credits?

*It needs to be split across the areas being taught.

8. Does this requirement apply only to the area being taught at the time of the licensure renewal or to all areas on the license, which may be numerous?

*It applies to the area(s) being taught at the time of renewal.

9. PE teachers frequently attend coaching clinics on a variety of subjects, which may simply be titled coaching clinic. Will these count for PE and will there be any limit?

*Coaching is not the academic content of PE.

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